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SUBJECT: 31ST GA: SOVIET FONMIN GROMYKO'S ADDRESS TO THE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY

1. SUMMARY. CENTERPIECE OF GROMYKO'S HOUR-LONG ADDRESS
SEPTEMBER 28 WAS INTRODUCTION OF AGENDA ITEM ON WORLD TREATY
ON THE NON-USE OF FORCE (SEPTEL). DEVOTING OVER HALF THE
SPEECH TO DISARMAMENT MATTERS, GROMYKO REVERSED SOVIET
POSITION ON INDIAN OCEAN PEACE ZONE (IOPZ) BY ANNOUNCING
READINESS TO PARTICIPATE IN PREPARATIONS FOR AN INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCE PROVIDED IT ALLOWS FOR FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION AND
RESEARCH. GROMYKO INDIRECTLY ATTACKED CURRENT AMERICAN EFFORTS
IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, CHARACTERIZING THEM AS "ATTEMPTS TO DIVERT
THE NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT AWAY FROM GENUINE INDEPENDENCE
AND FREEDOM THROUGH POLITICAL GIMMICKRY AND FINANCIAL HAND-
OUTS". ON THE MIDDLE EAST, HE DESCRIBED EVENTS IN LEBANON
AS A DIRECT CONSEQUENCE OF THE LACK OF AN OVERALL SETTLEMENT
AND CALLED FOR PEACEFUL NEGOTIATIONS AMONG THE "LEBANESE
THEMSELVES". ON THE ARAB-ISRAELI DISPUTE, HE URGED RECONVENING
OF THE GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE. GROMYKO HIGHLIGHTED
THE IMPORTANCE OF US/SOVIET COOPERATION AND SALT II
NEGOTIATIONS, AS WELL AS OF NORMALIZATION OF SOVIET/PRC

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RELATIONS. FINALLY, ON UN MATTERS, HE CALLED FOR

MEMBERS TO ABIDE BY THE UN CHARTER AND INSISTED ON THE
ADMISSION OF VIETNAM AND ANGOLA. END SUMMARY.

2. DISARMAMENT: GROMYKO EMPHASIZED THAT MAJOR INTERNATIONAL PROBLEM
IS PREVENTION OF WORLD WAR AND CURBING OF THE ARMS
RACE. AFTER NOTING THAT ARMS SPENDING PRESENTLY
AMOUNTS TO \$300 BILLION ANNUALLY, HE OUTLINED SOVIET
PROPOSALS AND VIEWS AS FOLLOWS:

A) WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION (MDW): SOVIETS
FAVOR AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT PROHIBITING THE
DEVELOPMENT OF NEW TYPES AND SYSTEMS OF BOTH CONVENTIONAL
AND NUCLEAR WEAPONS. IN THE FIRST STAGE, THERE COULD
BE A LIMITATION, AND SUBSEQUENTLY A COMPLETE BAN ON
NEW WEAPONS.

B) NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT: THE NUCLEAR POWERS AND
OTHER STATES SHOULD NEGOTIATE AN AGREEMENT ON COMPRE-
HENSIVE NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT. THE SOVIET UNION IS
PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE IN THESE NEGOTIATIONS.

C) COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN (CTB): NUCLEAR WEAPONS
TESTS SHOULD BE STOPPED EVERYWHERE AND BY ALL STATES.
THE PROBLEM IS THE UNWILLINGNESS OF "SOME NUCLEAR POWERS"
TO BEGIN THE NEGOTIATIONS.

PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS (PNE) TREATY:

D) PNE TREATY: THERE WILL BE NO DELAY IN
SOVIET IMPLEMENTATION AND THE SOVIETS HOPE THAT US
RATIFICATION WILL TAKE PLACE SOON. A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE
APPROACH TO VERIFICATION PROBLEMS CAN BE FOUND.

NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY (NPT):

E) NPT: THE NPT REGIME MUST BE STRENGTHENED BY
REDOUBLING EFFORTS TO MAKE IT UNIVERSAL THROUGH THE
ACCESSION OF ALL STATES WITHOUT EXCEPTION. IT IS A
MATTER OF POLITICS AND SECURITY, NOT COMMERCE, TO
ASSURE THAT FISSIONABLE MATERIALS ARE NOT USED FOR
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DANGEROUS PURPOSES OR THAT MEANS FOR DEVELOPING NUCLEAR
WEAPONS DO NOT FALL INTO HANDS OF IRRESPONSIBLE PEOPLE,
ADVENTURISTS, OR MADMEN.

F) CHEMICAL WEAPONS: ALL CHEMICAL WEAPONS SHOULD
BE COMPLETELY PROHIBITED AND DESTROYED. AS A BEGINNING,
AGREEMENT SHOULD BE REACHED TO BAN AND ELIMINATE THE
MOST DANGEROUS, LETHAL TYPES OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS.

G) DISMANTLING OF FOREIGN MILITARY BASES: THE SOVIET UNION FAVORS THE DISMANTLING OF THESE BASES ON ALIEN TERRITORIES.

H) INDIAN OCEAN PEACE ZONE (IOPZ): THE SOVIET UNION HAS NEVER HAD ANY INTENTION OF BUILDING MILITARY BASES IN THE INDIAN OCEAN, AND REGARDS IT AS REASONABLE THAT A NUMBER OF ASIAN AND AFRICAN STATES WANT TO TURN IT INTO A PEACE ZONE. THE SOVIET UNION IS PREPARED TO TAKE PART IN CONSULTATIONS RE PREPARATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE INDIAN OCEAN, PROVIDED DUE ACCOUNT IS TAKEN OF ITS CONCERNS REGARDING FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION AND RESEARCH.

I) REDUCTION OF MILITARY BUDGETS: GIVEN THE FAILURE TO MAKE PROGRESS ON THE SOVIETS' 1973 PROPOSAL DUE TO THE POSITION OF "SOME STATES", THE SOVIET UNION IS PREPARED TO LOOK FOR MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE SPECIFIC FIGURES FROM WHICH REDUCTION SHOULD BE STARTED, AND AS A FIRST STEP A FIGURE EITHER GREATER OR SMALLER THAN 10 PERCENT COULD BE AGREED UPON FOR 1977.

J) WDC: THE SOVIET UNION CONTINUES TO SUPPORT THE CONVENING OF A WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE (WDC). IT WOULD AGREE, HOWEVER, TO A SPECIAL UNGA SESSION PROVIDED THIS IS VIEWED AS AN INTERMEDIATE STAGE IN PREPARATIONS FOR A WDC.

K) IN FURTHER EXPLANATION OF ITS VIEW ON THESE DISARMAMENT MATTERS, THE SOVIETS SUBMITTED A MEMORANDUM TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AS AN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT (SEPTTEL).

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3. SOUTHERN AFRICA: GROMYKO INDIRECTLY ATTACKED CURRENT AMERICAN EFFORTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, CHARACTERIZING THEM AS "ATTEMPTS TO DIVERT THE NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT AWAY FROM GENUINE INDEPENDENCE AND FREEDOM THROUGH POLITICAL GIMMICKRY AND FINANCIAL HANDOUTS". THE SOVIETS STRONGLY SUPPORT THE NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS OF SOUTH AFRICA, RHODESIA, AND NAMIBIA, AND AN UNCONDITIONED END TO APARTHEID.

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4. US-USSR RELATIONS: GROMYKO STATED THAT THE NECESSARY PREREQUISITES HAVE BEEN CREATED FOR CONTINUING TO BUILD US-SOVIET RELATIONS ON A CONSTRUCTIVE BASIS. THE SOVIET UNION EXPECTS THE US TO CONFORM TO ITS PAST COMMITMENTS AND NOT BE "GUIDED IN ITS POLICY BY MOMENTARY CONSIDERATIONS".

5. EAST-WEST RELATIONS: GROMYKO NOTED THAT EUROPEAN NATIONS WERE GENERALLY ACTING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FINAL ACT OF THE CSCE. HE WARNED, HOWEVER, AGAINST ANY ATTEMPTS TO UNDERCUT THE QUADRIpartite AGREEMENT ON EEST BERLIN.

6. THE MIDDLE EAST: GROMYKO DESCRIBED THE "TRAGIC EVENTS" IN LEBANON AS A DIRECT RESULT OF IMPERIALIST AGRESSION AGAINST THE ARABS AND THE LACK OF AN OVERALL MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT. THE CRISIS IN LEBANON MUST BE SETTLED IN A PEACEFUL DEOMOCRATIC WAY BY THE LEBANESE THEMSELVES, WITHOUT ANY OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE, ON THE BASIS OF PRESERVING THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, INDEPENDENCE AND SOVEREIGNTY OF LEBANON. AN OVERALL MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT, HE SAID, SHOULD BE WORKED OUT AT THE GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE ON THE BASIS OF: A) ISRAELI UNCLASSIFIED

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WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL OCCUPIED TERRITORIES; B) FULFILLMENT

OF THE LEGITIMATE NATIONAL DEMANDS OF THE PALESTINIANS,
INCLUDING A PALESTINIAN STATE AND C) INTERNATIONAL
SECURITY GUARANTEES FOR ALL STATES INCLUDING ISRAEL.

7. KOREA: GROMYKO SUPPORTED THE DPRK POSITION AND
CALLED FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRO-DPRK RESOLUTION PASSED
BY THE 30TH UNGA.

8. SINO-SOVIET RELATIONS: THE USSR CONTINUES TO ATTACH
GREAT IMPORTANCE TO ITS RELATIONS WITH THE PRC.
GROMYKO EXPLAINED THAT THE DECISIONS OF THE 25TH CPSU
CONGRESS ON SINO-SOVIET RELATIONS ARE FULLY VALID
TODAY AND CLEARLY INDICATE THE SOVIET POSITION.
DISCUSSING THE ASIAN SITUATION, HE INDIRECTLY ATTACKED
CHINESE MILITARY BUILD-UP ALONG THE SOVIET FRONTIER.

9. UN CHARTER: GROMYKO ASKED UN MEMBERS TO OBSERVE THE UN
CHARTER.

10. VIETNAM AND ANGOLA: HE INSISTED ON VIETNAMESE AND ANGOLAN
ADMISSION.
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